

RECOVERY ROUND-UP

This section is prepared with the co-operation of the Secretary, Australian Bird and Bat Banding Schemes, Australian Nature Conservation Agency. The recoveries are only a selection of the thousands received each year; they are not a complete list and should not be analysed in full or part without prior consent of the banders concerned. Longevity and distance records refer to the ABBBS unless otherwise stated. The distance is the shortest distance in kilometres along the direct line joining the place of banding and recovery; the compass direction refers to the same direct line. (There is no implication regarding the distance flown or the route followed by the bird). Where available ABBBS age codes have been included in the banding data.

Recovery or longevity items may be submitted directly to me whereupon their merits for inclusion will be considered.

Hon. Editor

The following abbreviations appear in this issue:

AWSG — Australian Wader Study Group.

SSG-BOAT — Shorebird Study Group (BOAT) Tasmania.

VWSG — Victorian Wader Study Group.

Little Penguin *Eudyptula minor*

190–35328. Adult (1+) banded by M. H. Waterman on Troubridge Island, Edithburgh, SA on 28 Dec. 1987. Recovered dead at West Beach, Adelaide, SA on 28 Feb. 2003, over 15 years 2 months after banding. 64 km E.

Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross *Thalassarche bassi*

CF34402*. Adult (3+) banded at Point D'Entrecasteaux, Amsterdam Island, Indian Ocean (37°51'S, 77°29'E) on 1 Dec. 1991.

Recaptured:

(a) Prince Royal Harbour, Albany, WA on 11 Aug. 1993.

(b) King George Sound, Albany, WA (35°01'S, 117°58'E) on 14 Aug. 2002, over 10 years 8 months after banding.

(Bird trapped when tangled in fishing net, released alive with band.)

* French Banding Scheme band.

Red-tailed Tropicbird *Phaethon rubricauda*

200–07365. Nestling banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Qld. on 20 July 1984. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by D. Storch on 14 Feb. 2003, over 18 years 6 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra*

131–40320. Nestling banded by B. R. King on Raine Island, Qld. on 7 Dec. 1981. Recovered dead at banding place by I. Bell on 25 Jan. 2003, over 21 years 1 month after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus*

100–94470. Immature (1) female banded by L. C. Currie at Werribee Sewerage Farm, Vic. on 3 Apr. 1988. Recovered dead at Happy Valley, near Linton, Vic. on 8 Feb. 2003, over 14 years 10 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

072–61046. Adult (3+) female banded by AWSG on the shores of 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 5 Oct. 1998. Recovered (shot for food) at Abyy, Yakutia, Russia (68°24'N, 145°06'E) in May 2002. 9 932 km N.

Grey-tailed Tattler *Heteroscelus brevipes*

(a) D00281*. Adult (2+) banded at Kuantu, Taiwan (25°07'N, 121°27'E) on 30 Apr. 1988. Recaptured, released alive with two bands by the AWSG on the shores of 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 23 Nov. 2002, over 14 years 6 months after banding. 4 932 km S.

* Taiwanese Bird Banding Scheme band.

(The bird was also banded with band No. 062 76106.)

(b) D10112*. Adult (2+) banded at Tatu River Estuary, Changhua County, Taiwan (24°10'34"N, 120°27'32"E) on 27 Aug. 2000. Recaptured, released alive with two bands by the AWSG on the shores of 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 7 Dec. 2002. 4 827 km S.

* Taiwanese Bird Banding Scheme band.

(The bird was also banded with band No. 062 77070.)

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*

062–58301. Adult (2+) banded by AWSG on the shores of 80 Mile Beach, WA (19°15'S, 121°20'E) on 11 Jan. 2001. Recaptured (status unknown) near Magadan, Sea of Okhotsk, Russia (58°12'N, 143°28'E) on 15 July 2002. 8 848 km N.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

(c) B51971*. Immature (1) banded at Taramaire, Firth of Thames, New Zealand (37°09'SW, 175°18'E) on 21 Apr. 1992. Recaptured, released alive with two bands by VWSG at Yallock Creek near Kooweerup, Vic. (38°13'S, 145°28'E) on 8 Jan. 2003, over 10 years 8 months after banding. 2 616 km WSW.

* New Zealand Banding Scheme band.

(The bird was also banded with band No. 042 32616.)

NOTE: This species is not common in New Zealand and apparently there were only ever 15 Curlew Sandpipers banded on this one trip by the New Zealand Wader Group.

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

(a) 110–96275. Nestling banded by SSG-BOAT on Green Island, D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Tas. on 30 Dec. 1983. Recovered dead, collided with a moving vehicle on the Channel Highway outside the Margate Tip, Tas. on 25 Feb. 2003, over 19 years 1 month after banding. 19 km N.

(b) 111–00770. Nestling banded by W. C. Wakefield on Green Island, D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Tas. on 6 Dec. 1986. Recovered sick (bird is in care) at Hobart, Tas. on 11 Mar. 2003, over 16 years 3 months after banding. 35 km N.

(c) 111–01722. Nestling banded by W. C. Wakefield on Green Island, D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Tas. on 29 Nov. 1986. Recovered dead at Barnes Bay, Bruny Island, Tas. on 11 Dec. 2002, over 16 years after banding. 8 km N.

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*

XR09084*. Banded on Copeland Islands, United Kingdom (54°41'N, 05°32'W) on 10 July 1989. Recovered dead at Minninup Beach, near Bunbury, WA (33°20'S, 115°34'E) on 15 Nov. 2001, over 12 years 4 months after banding. 14 925 km SE.

* British Trust for Ornithology band.

Common Noddy *Anous stolidus*

061-14366. Adult (1+) banded by S. G. Lane on Pelsart Island, Houtman Abrolhos, WA on 22 Nov. 1982. Recovered dead on South East Island, Montebello Group, WA on 24 Aug. 1997, over 14 years 9 months after banding. 961 km N.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Red Wattlebird *Anthochaera carnunculata*

071-92531. Adult (1+) banded by B. Foreman near Mount Compass, SA on 3 Oct. 1989. Recaptured injured, later released alive with band at Milang, SA on 16 Jan. 2003, over 13 years 3 months after banding. 21 km SE.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Little Shrike-thrush *Colluricincla megarrhyncha*

040-76736. Adult (1+) female banded by G. E. Heinsohn at Kirrama State Forest, 28 km NW of Kennedy, Qld. on 20 June 1980. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place on 26 Sep. 1999, over 19 years 3 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Australian Magpie *Gymnorhina tibicen*

090-40501. Adult (3+) male banded by L. G. Schmidt at Keiths Park, Perth, WA on 6 Apr. 1984. Band number read in field (bird not trapped) at banding place by H. F. Recher on 2 Feb. 2003, over 18 years 9 months after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)

Magnificent Riflebird *Ptiloris magnificus*

071-51441. Immature (1) banded by D. Pepper-Edwards at Iron Range National Park, Cape York Peninsula, Qld. on 16 Nov. 1990. Recaptured, released alive with band at banding place by P. Ewin on 23 Nov. 2002, 12 years after banding.

Clamorous Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus stentoreus*

025-26927. Adult (2+) banded by R. G. Cameron at Coolart Reserve, Somers, Vic. on 8 Oct. 1995. Recovered dead (bird collided with window) at Somes Camp, Vic. on 2 Nov. 2002, over 7 years after banding.

(This is the oldest recorded for the species.)